



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application: **Beukema et al.**

Serial No.: **09/731,998**

Filed: **December 7, 2000**

For: **Transferring Foreign Protocols  
Across a System Area Network**

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Group Art Unit: **2112**

Examiner: **Huynh, Kim T.** Technology Center 2100

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 4** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 18** of this paper.